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LINCOLNWOOD
PUBLIC LIBRARY

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

I have been lucky enough in my three years at the Lincolnwood Library to come to know what a fine library it is.

It is beautiful, and like the outdoors, it changes every day with the weather and the light. It was designed with loving care, with little touches like the shades of the carpet that gradually change as you walk through the Library. The wood, and the natural light make it almost like being outside.

The collections are small but carefully curated to give the Lincolnwood community the reading, viewing, and listening materials they come for. The digital collections are cutting edge, and constantly monitored to respond to requests. And the Board of Trustees made an excellent decision around ten years ago to join a consortium of libraries called CCS, so that our residents can borrow books from over 30 other libraries as well as our own.

The Board of Trustees is another reason that this is such a fine library. They are dedicated library users and members of the community who have served on school boards, the police board, and other roles. They understand how to be supportive and when to leave decisions to the librarians and other library staff. And they know that they are representing their fellow residents, and they advocate for making sure the Library remains outstanding.

The library staff is one of the most wonderful things about the Lincolnwood Library. As everyone knows who visits the Library regularly, the staff is welcoming, creative, and always looking for the next great program or piece of equipment for the Library of Things.

I will miss the Library when I leave at the end of June, but I'm very happy that the Board has appointed Colleen Melone as the next Library Director. Thoughtful, compassionate, funny, innovative, and knowledgeable, Colleen is one of the best librarians I have known in my 40+ years in the field. The Lincolnwood Library will continue, in her hands, to be a very fine library indeed.

Susan Dove Lempke

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Director of the Lincolnwood Public Library District

REGISTRATION & EVENT INFORMATION
Please visit lincolnwoodlibrary.org, call (847) 677-5277, or stop by to register.

[R] REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Registrants DO NOT need a Lincolnwood Library card to attend.

[C] REGISTRATION REQUIRED WITH LINCOLNWOOD CARD
Registrants DO need a Lincolnwood Library card to attend.

[D] DROP-IN
Everyone is welcome to attend, but supplies and space may be limited.

[H] HYBRID
Registrants can choose to visit in person or attend live online via Zoom. New members should register with their email address to receive the Zoom information.

[Z] VIRTUAL ON ZOOM
These programs are offered using Zoom and will be live at their scheduled time. Please include your email address in your registration to receive instructions on how to join the Zoom event.

ALLERGEN ALERT
These programs include food or snacks. Certain items may contain or come into contact with wheat, eggs, nuts, and milk.

FAMILY EVENTS ARE FOR KIDS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS TO ENJOY TOGETHER. ADULTS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY FOR THE PROGRAM

FRIDAY FAMILY MOVIE

Ages 5+

Fridays • 2–4pm • [D]

Watch a movie with us at the library. Popcorn provided.

6/26: *The Good Dinosaur*
7/10: *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs*
7/17: *Toy Story - Drive-In Movie* *
7/24: *The Land Before Time*
7/31: *Meet the Robinsons*

* requires registration

DONUT STORYTIME

Ages 0–10

Sat, Jun 6 • 10:30–11am • [R]

Begin your day with songs, stories, and donuts kindly provided by Schlegl's Bakery.

THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO SOCCER DEVELOPMENT

Ages 5+

Sun, Jun 7 • 3–4pm • [R]

Renowned soccer coach Cătălin Șerban presents the foundations of the world's favorite sport.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY!

All ages

Fri, Jun 12 • 4–6pm • [D]

Celebrate our Summer Reading program kickoff with bounce houses, free ice cream, activities, and games for the whole family. Adults and kids can register for summer reading during the event.

FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

Ages 5+

Thu, Jun 18, Jul 16 • 6–7pm • [R]

Create beautiful masterpieces together using step-by-step painting. Please register each family member that will be attending.

HOBBY HANGOUT

Ages 6+

Sat, Jun 20, Jul 18 • 10–11am • [D]

Build, play, and have fun on a Saturday morning! Free play with LEGO bricks, Lincoln Logs, and board games. For children with their caregivers.

DINOSAUR DISCOVERIES WITH T-REXPLORERS!

All ages

Sun, Jun 21 • 2–3pm • [R]

Discover the clues that prove the existence of dinosaurs! See fossil types from numerous species including Triceratops and T-Rex, while getting a glimpse into what it's like to go on a paleontological dig.

MASTERPIECE STORYTIME

Ages 0–10

Wed, Jun 24, Jul 29 • 6:30–7:15pm • [D]

All ages are welcome to this cozy, classic storytime. Snuggle up as we read aloud picture book masterpieces. **June books:** *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight, Dinosaur Feathers, Have You Seen My Invisible Dinosaur?* **July books:** *This Moose Belongs to Me, Run Wild, Please Take Me for a Walk.*

GROSS SCIENCE: DIGESTION!

Ages 5+

Wed, Jun 17, Jul 15

6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Do the experiments that you wouldn't do at home! This family program is for children with their caregivers.

6/17: Excavate owl pellets to see what these predators eat.
7/15: Turn food into poop and learn what happens in our digestive process.

SMARTY PANTS BIG BALLOONASAUR ADVENTURE

Ages 3+

Sun, Jul 26 • 2–2:45pm • [R]

Smarty Pants presents the Big Dinosaur Balloonasaur Adventure, a theatrical-style balloon stage show featuring magic, all-ages comedy, and Smarty's award-winning, world's biggest balloon props.

MUSICAL BINGO: TAYLOR SWIFT

Ages 6+

Mon, Jul 27 • 6:30–8pm • [R]

If you never miss a beat and you're lightning on your feet, put on your friendship bracelets and get ready to sing along with other Swifties as you play for fun prizes. This program is best enjoyed by ages 6 and up. Participants under the age of 14 must participate with a family group that includes an adult.

AGES 0–5

STORYTIME IN THE PARK

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Mondays • 10–10:30am • [D]

Kids and their caregivers are invited to join us each week for an outdoor storytime at Drake Park (6750 Drake Ave, Lincolnwood, IL 60712). In the case of bad weather, storytime will take place at the library.

FAMILY STORYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Tuesdays • 10–10:30am • [D]

Read stories, sing songs, and play games at this all-ages storytime.

MUSICAL STORYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Wednesdays • 9:30–10:15am • [D]

Sing and dance along at this musical storytime led by Michael's Music Machine. Tickets are required for this program, see our website for details.

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Fridays • 10–11am • [D] (No program on 6/12, 6/19, or 7/3)

Your little ones will love this fun, weekly playgroup, as you connect with other caregivers. Yoga for Tots occurs during the program on 6/26 and 7/17.

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Thu, Jun 4, Jul 2 • 6:15–6:45pm • [D]

Wind down and get cozy with some bedtime stories. Feel free to wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal!

SATURDAY STORIES AND PLAYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Sat, Jun 13, Jul 11 • 10–10:45am • [D]

Kick off the weekend with a special Saturday storytime, followed by open playtime with the library's collection of toys.

YOGA FOR TOTS

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Fri, Jun 26, Jul 17 • 10–10:30am • [D]

Keyla Ortiz, certified yoga instructor, introduces children ages 0–5 and their caregivers to yoga poses through play. Please arrive on time, as space may be limited.

SUNDAY STORYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Sun, Jul 5 • 3:30–4pm • [D]

Read stories, sing songs, and more! Aimed at kids under 5, but older siblings are welcome to join the fun too.

To keep storytimes allergen-free, food is not allowed. Please enjoy your snacks before or after the program in our cafe area only.

GRADES K–5

READING BUDDIES: READ WITH A FRIEND

Grades 1–3

Thursdays • 1–2pm • [R]

Love stories? Want to get better at reading? In Reading Buddies, you'll be paired with a friendly teen to read the same book together. Take turns reading aloud and talk about the story. It's a fun, relaxed way to build reading confidence and discover new favorite books. Begins 6/11.

READING TO THE DOGS

Grades K–5

Mon, Jun 1, Jul 6 • 6–7pm • [R]

Build reading skills by reading next to trained dogs from Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy. Participants will receive at least 10 minutes of personal reading time with a dog.

LEGO ROBOTICS CHALLENGES

Grades 1–5

Wed, Jun 3, Jul 1 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Experiment and grow your critical thinking, coding, and design skills through hands-on STEM learning and robotics. Take on a new challenge each month.

YES, AND!

Grades K–5

Mon, Jun 8, Jul 13 • 4–4:45pm • [R]

You be the storyteller! Come and play improv games in this fun acting program for kids.

STEAM: EXPLORATION STATION: EXCAVATION!

Grades K–5

Wed, Jun 10 • 4:30–5:15pm • [R]

Unearth how scientists determine the age of fossils through geological scale in this delicious excavation involving cake and science!

RUBIK'S CLUB

Ages 6+

Tue, Jun 16, Jul 7 • 3–4pm • [R]

Develop your Rubik's skills and become a master solver! Learn basic steps for solving a Rubik's Cube and then practice against others as you compete for fastest solving time.

KID CREATIVES

Grades 3–5

Wed, Jun 17, Jul 22 • 3:30–4:30pm • [R]

Think creatively and take home your art in this upper-elementary-focused program.
June: sedimentary rock-inspired sand art.
July: dinosaur art with plate rubbings.

LEGO BUILD INTENSIVE

Ages 6+

Mon–Thu, Jun 22–25

2:30–3:15pm • [R]

LEGO enthusiasts! Are you ready for a build challenge? Work as a team to create a LEGO puzzle box. Register for Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday and return Thursday to try your hand at solving the other teams' boxes.

GRADES K–5

CHECKMATES! CHESS CLUB

Grades K–5

Thu, Jun 25, Thu, Jul 23 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Develop your chess game with experienced instructor Chris Christmas. All skill levels are welcome.

POKÉMON BATTLE ACADEMY

Grades K–5

Mon, Jun 29, Jul 28 • 4–4:45pm • [R]

Learn how to play the Pokémon Trading Card game. You do not need to have your own cards to come and play.

DESIGN-A-DINO

Grades K–5

Tue, Jun 30 • 2–3pm • [R]

Use recycled materials and no-heat glue guns to create your own dinosaur. Come up with their name and special capabilities!

DINOSAUR DISASTER STEAM DROP-IN

Grades K–5

Thu, Jul 2 • 11–11:45am • [D]

Ever wonder what happened to the dinosaurs? Experiment with asteroid impact as we recreate the conditions for dinosaur extinction.

STEAM: EXPLORATION STATION: FORENSICS

Grades K–5

Wed, Jul 8 • 4:30–5:15pm • [R]

You be the detective! Collect evidence, discover clues, and learn how to piece it all together to solve a puzzle in the science of forensics.

DINOSAUR DIRT CUPS

Grades K–5

Thu, Jul 9 • 4:30–5pm • [R]

Compile your own delicious excavation site with chocolate pudding, Oreos, and gummy dinosaurs. Take your treat home or forage right away! Gelatin-free ingredients will be available.

DINO TOOTH NECKLACES

Grades K–5

Tue, Jul 21 • 3:45–4:30pm • [R]

Make and decorate a dinosaur tooth necklace using clay and beads. Whether your tooth is from an herbivore or carnivore is up to you!

TOY STORY DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Grades K–5

Fri, Jul 17 • 2–4pm • [R]

Build your own station wagon out of a cardboard box to make sure no one gets lost in the move, then settle back and watch Toy Story at our indoor drive-in!

STEAM MINIFIGS DROP-IN: VOLCANO THE SEQUEL!

Thu, Jul 30 • 11am–12pm • [D]

Create an even bigger city with your own personal volcano at its center. See if you can direct the flow of lava away from your minifigs.

GRADES 6–8

JURASSIC REX

Grades 6–8

Thu, Jun 18 • 3:30–4:30pm • [R]

If you've played King of Tokyo, you'll love this live-action dinosaur version. Who is the true king of the dinosaurs? This battle decides once and for all.

GRADES 9–12

READING BUDDIES: BE A READING ROLE MODEL

Grades 9–12

Thursdays • 1–2pm • [R]

Make a difference this summer by helping a younger reader grow their skills and confidence. You'll be paired with a child to read the same book together, listen, encourage, and talk about the story. It's a simple, meaningful way to give back and share your love of reading. *Begins 6/11.*

GRADES 6–12

COUCH CO-OP SWITCH 2

Grades 6–12

Tue, Jun 2, Jul 7 • 6–8pm • [D]

Gaming is better together. Grab a friend (or three) and take on some of the toughest co-op challenges on the Nintendo Switch 2.

INTERNATIONAL SNACK EXPLORATION

Grades 6–12

Tue, Jun 9, Jul 14 • 4:15–5pm • [R]

Taste and rank snacks from around the world and learn about a new country each month while you munch on unique foods.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: WELCOME TO THE HELLFIRE CLUB

Grades 6–12

Sat, Jun 14, Jul 12 • 1:30–3:30pm • [R]

Finish Eddie Munson's final campaign as you play the role of legendary Hellfire Club members like Lady Applejack and Nog the Dwarf. No Dungeons & Dragons experience required, just your imagination. Doritos, Mountain Dew, and dice provided.

TEEN CREATIVES

Grades 6–12

Mon, Jun 15, Jul 20 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Take a walk on the creative side with teen-focused arts and crafts each month.
June: wire-wrapped rock jewelry
July: foam clay trinket holders

TWEEN & TEEN YOGA

Grades 6–12

Tue, Jun 23, Jul 28 • 7–7:45pm • [R]

Slow down and take a moment for yourself, away from screens and your feed. Keyla Ortiz, a certified yoga instructor, will guide you through gentle yoga poses to help you feel grounded and calm. Please arrive on time, as space may be limited.

READ • ROAR • EXPLORE

LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER READING 2026

JUNE 1-JULY 31

SUMMER READING FOR ALL AGES

Summer Reading is for everyone! With three specially designed programs for kids, teens, and adults, everyone from babies to seniors can take part. Track the days you read to earn rewards, and enjoy exploring everything your Library has to offer this summer.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

From the day you sign up, log each day that you read (or someone reads to you). The more days you read and track, the more rewards you earn, including a custom-designed Summer Reading t-shirt and tickets to grand prize drawings.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY

FRI, JUN 12 • 4-6PM

Kick off Summer Reading with family fun including bounce houses, face painting, karaoke, games, free ice cream, and more!

(The Library parking lot will be closed for the party. Please use the SD74 school parking lot.)

SIGN UP

Starting June 1, stop by the Youth & Teen or Adult Services Desks to sign up for Summer Reading and pick up your reading log.

Prefer to track your reading online? Register on Beanstack at LINCOLNWOODLIBRARY.BEANSTACK.COM starting June 1.

ADULT

STATE SERVICES: DROP-BY CONSTITUENT SERVICE HOURS

Tue, Jun 9 • 4–6pm • [D]

Constituent advocates from the office of State Representative Kevin Olickal (16th District) will be at the Library to answer questions and provide help with state benefits and programs such as Medicaid, SNAP, Unemployment, LIHEAP, Rental Assistance, and more.

CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE: THE LATEST AND GREATEST

Tue, Jun 9 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Laurie Petersen, editor of the latest edition of the *AIA Guide to Chicago*, will show us dozens of examples of exciting developments all over the city, from stunning new skyscrapers to restored gems in the neighborhoods.

CHAIR YOGA WITH JOAN

Thu, Jun 11, Jul 9 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Practice seated poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga available, led by certified yoga instructor Joan McGee. All experience levels are welcome. Wear comfy clothes and shoes!

GENTLE MOVES FOR STRENGTH & STABILITY

New Date & Time!

Sat, Jun 13, Jul 11 • 9:30–10:30am • [R]

This gentle movement class helps adults build mobility, balance, and body awareness through light exercises. The session includes a mix of standing, seated, and mat-based movements. ***Participants must bring their own yoga mat or a beach towel. Wear comfy clothes and shoes!***

PLANT SWAP

Sun, Jun 14 • 2–3pm • [D]

Calling all plant lovers! Bring your potted and pest-free houseplants, cuttings, seedlings, succulents, air plants, wildflowers, annuals, or perennials to trade with fellow plant enthusiasts. This is a great opportunity to share healthy plants and growing tips. ***Please only bring plants in pots you are willing to part with—no loose or unidentified plants.*** This program will take place outside in the parking lot but may be moved inside in case of inclement weather.

TAROT CARD READINGS

Wed, Jun 24 • 5:30–8pm • [C]

See what the Summer Solstice has in store for you! Sign up for a ten-minute, one-on-one tarot reading with Librarian and Tarot Reader Rachel. Registrants will be assigned a specific time slot a week before the program.

EASY DOES IT YOGA

Thu, Jun 25, Jul 23 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Join certified yoga instructor Joan McGee for yoga, a practice that can improve your flexibility, concentration, and strength, while boosting your mood and reducing stress and joint strain. ***Participants must bring their own yoga mat or a beach towel.*** Yoga blocks are optional. All experience levels are welcome. Wear comfy clothes and shoes!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Fri, Jun 26, Jul 10 • 10am–3pm • [R]

Help others in our community and beyond with your donation. **This blood drive is conducted by the American Red Cross, and all registration is handled directly through their organization.** American Red Cross staff will perform the blood collection. See our website for donation details, how to register, and prizes given to donors.

DINOSAURS & OTHER MESOZOIC ANIMALS

Mon, Jun 29 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Step into the Mesozoic Era with Michael Goodknecht from the Field Museum of Natural History and explore the diversity of dinosaurs and the animals that lived alongside them. This lecture-style program examines what defines a dinosaur, the mass extinction that ended their reign, and the importance of paleontology today. ***Recommended for adults.***

FINDING LGBTQ+ HISTORY IN AMERICA

Tue, Jun 30 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Dr. John D'Emilio presents an overview of the evolution of LGBTQ history as an academic field. The program explores key texts, topics, and themes, focusing on the experiences and movements that shaped twentieth-century United States history.

THE CONSTITUTION TODAY: RIGHTS, POWER & THE SUPREME COURT

Tue, Jun 30 • 7–8pm • [Z] Live on Zoom

This virtual program is part of the Civic Empowerment Series 2026, presented in partnership with Schaumburg Public Library and other area libraries. Political analyst Paul Lisnek moderates a nonpartisan panel of Chicagoland university professors discussing the First Amendment, the structure of the federal branches, and recent Supreme Court cases.

SWINGING JAZZ WITH PETRA VAN NUIS AND ANDY BROWN

Tue, Jul 7 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Acclaimed jazz vocalist Petra van Nuis and guitarist Andy Brown share a rare musical chemistry shaped by decades of collaboration. Known for swinging performances at historic Chicago clubs and festivals abroad, the duo invites you to settle in for an evening of polished, heartfelt jazz.

SWEET TRADITIONS: MAKING BAKLAVA

Wed, Jul 8 • 6:30–7:45pm • [C]

Explore the art of making baklava with Georgia Talaganis in this interactive workshop. Participants will assemble this classic Mediterranean dessert at the library and receive instructions for baking at home. Learn about the ingredients, techniques, and traditions behind this beloved treat.

SUMMER PUZZLE COMPETITION

Sat, Jul 11 • 2–4pm • [R]

Gather a group of 2–4 puzzlers to be the first team to put together a 300-piece puzzle. Members of the winning team each earn a prize! The competition will start promptly after the rules are read. Please plan to arrive early.

THE DISCOVERY OF MAGIC

Tue, Jul 21 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Step into the secret world of magic with Chicago expert William Pack. Part history lesson and part magic show, this program explores the colorful characters and astonishing stories that shaped the world of mystery. Witness recreations of baffling, historic tricks and discover the "impossible" adventures of the world's greatest magicians.

MUSICAL BINGO: TAYLOR SWIFT

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A TASTE OF THE PHILIPPINES WITH CHEF KATHY HARDY

Tue, Jul 28 • 6:30–8pm • [R]

Discover the bold, irresistible flavors of Filipino cuisine with Chef Kathy Hardy, owner of A Taste of the Philippines restaurant. Chef Kathy will show us the secrets to making a perfect Chicken Adobo and lead a hands-on session where you'll learn the art of wrapping Lumpia. Best of all, you'll get to sample these classic dishes yourself! Come hungry and ready to learn.

IMMERSIVE SOUND BATH MEDITATION

Wed, Jul 29 • 6:30–7:30pm • [C]

Relax and recharge with a meditative sound bath led by instructor Stanley King, featuring live Native American-style flute music by Russ Sherbet. This session uses soothing sounds and melodies to help you unwind and find peace. ***Participants must bring their own yoga mat or beach towel.*** Wear comfy clothes and shoes!

EXPLORE MORE MUSEUMS & ATTRACTIONS THIS SUMMER!

Your Lincolnwood Library card unlocks free and discounted access to a world of fun and culture. Whether you're looking for a day of discovery or a thrilling adventure, we've got two exciting programs to make it happen!

EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS

Enjoy instant online access to FREE or discounted tickets for museums, zoos, science centers, theaters, and more—all across Illinois. Explore, select your pass, and go!

PERFECT FOR: Hassle-free booking for future outings

HOW TO ACCESS: Visit ***https://bit.ly/LPLDexplore***, log in with your Lincolnwood Library card number and PIN, and start browsing attractions.

MUSEUM ADVENTURE PASS

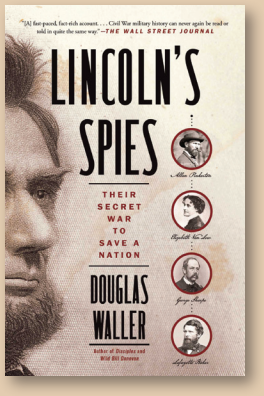
Get FREE or discounted entry to museums across Illinois (excluding Chicago). Request your pass online or at the library—passes are valid for 7 days from issue.

PERFECT FOR: Exploring local gems, last-minute plans, and spontaneous outings

HOW TO ACCESS: Check out available passes and request yours online at ***https://bit.ly/LPLDmuseum***

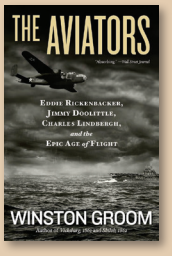
What Happened.
nonfiction book club

Explore incredible stories from the past with Lincolnwood Library's new historical nonfiction book club, What Happened. We will meet on the first Thursday evening of every other month to discuss a historical nonfiction title, delving into topics such as the rise and fall of societies, radical innovations, and the evolution of disease and medicine. Interested in joining? Pick up the upcoming selection at the Adult Services desk.



LINCOLN'S SPIES
BY DOUGLAS WALLER
Thu, Jul 2 • 7–8pm • [R]
Abraham Lincoln was an avid consumer of intelligence and a ruthless aficionado of clandestine warfare, willing to take chances to win the war. Lincoln's spies, as Waller vividly depicts in this book, set the template for the dark arts the CIA would practice in the future.

Future Book Club Selections Include:



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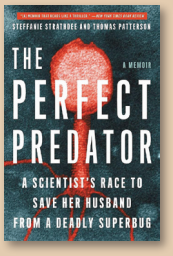

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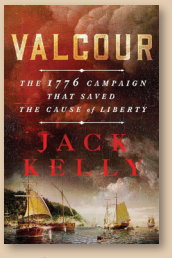

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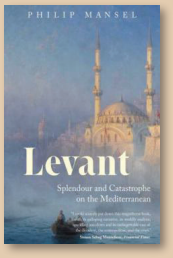

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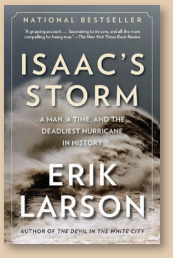

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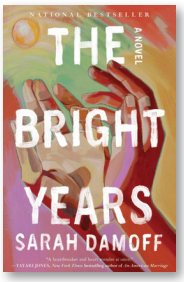
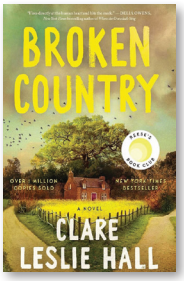
MONDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

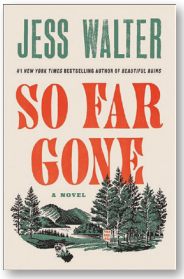


THE BRIGHT YEARS
BY SARAH DAMOFF
Mon, Jun 8 • 11am–12pm • [R][H]
Spanning from the 1950s to the present day, this family saga follows Ryan, Lillian, and their daughter Georgette as they navigate the highs and lows of life in Texas. It's a layered story about finding your own path while dealing with a heavy family legacy.

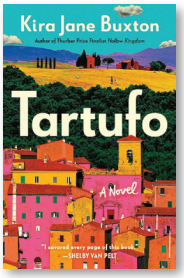


BROKEN COUNTRY
BY CLARE LESLIE HALL
Mon, Jul 13 • 11am–12pm • [R][H]
When a shocking incident brings Beth's first love back into her life, she's forced to confront the secrets of a past she thought she'd left behind.

BOOKS IN THE WOODS



SO FAR GONE
BY JESS WALTER
Mon, Jun 15 • 7–8pm • [R][H]
After living in isolation for seven years after punching his son-in-law during an argument, Rhys Kinnick is forced to face the world again after his grandchildren show up at his cabin door with news that their mother has been kidnapped.



TARTUFO
BY KIRA JANE BUXTON
Mon, Jul 20 • 7–8pm • [R][H]
A sleepy, dying Italian village is upended when a giant, nearly priceless truffle is rumored to be found in a nearby forest. Will this discovery save the town from its impending demise?

CREATE

10 min

PLEASE NOTE: We want everyone to have the chance to enjoy our programs so if you are more than 10 minutes late, your spot may be offered to someone on the waitlist.

KNITTING SOCIAL CIRCLE

Wednesdays • 11am–12:30pm • [D]

Share tips and show off your work with needle-art enthusiasts.

STITCHES OF HISTORY: A WORKSHOP WITH TATREEZ JENIN

Sat, Jun 13 • 1–3pm • [C]

Discover the history and colorful symbolism of this traditional Palestinian art form with artist Tatreez Jenin. After a brief presentation, learn the stitching techniques needed to create your own beautiful piece to take home in this hands-on workshop.

CREATE WITH POLYMER CLAY

Tue, Jun 23 • 6–8pm • [C]

Discover the versatility of polymer clay in this hands-on workshop led by Lyndsay Murphee from the Evanston Art Center. Participants will learn foundational techniques and design their own small project at the library, then take it home with instructions for baking. *Presented in partnership with the Evanston Art Center.*

INTRODUCTION TO IKEBANA: THE ART OF JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGING

Sun, Jun 28 • 2–3:30pm • [C]

Explore the art of ikebana in this hands-on workshop with artist E-Ling Lou. With over 30 years of experience, she will guide participants in creating their own arrangements while introducing the techniques and philosophy of the Ohara School.

SCRATCHBOARD ANIMALS

Wed, Jul 22 • 6:30–8pm • [C]

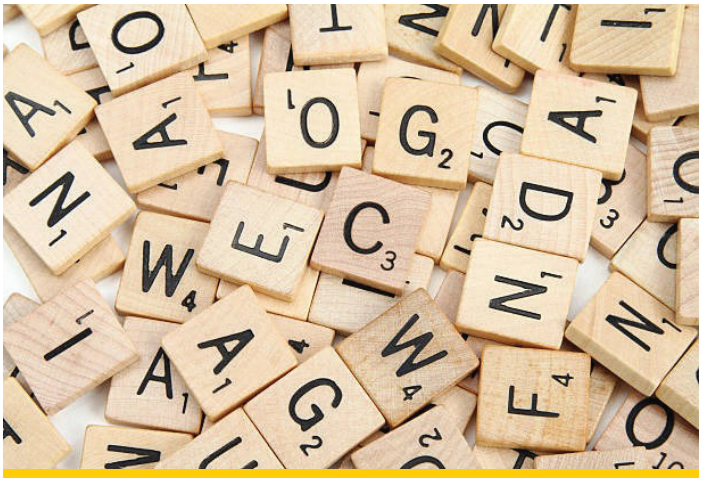
Create a striking animal illustration using scratchboard techniques in this hands-on workshop with illustrator Terri Young. Learn how to etch into an inked surface to reveal light, texture, and detail while practicing techniques for rendering fur, eyes, highlights, and midtones.

GATHER

LINCOLNWOOD WRITES: WRITING CLUB

Wed, Jun 3, Jul 1 • 7–9pm • [R][H]

Whether you're writing for fun or to be published someday, foster your creativity with like-minded authors in this monthly group. Bring in original work to be read aloud and get constructive feedback from your peers. Ages high school and up.



AFTERNOON SCRABBLE!

Thu, Jun 11, Jul 9 • 1–3pm • [D]

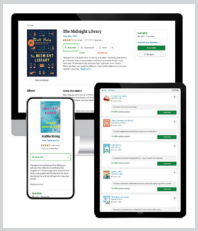
Enjoy a fun and relaxed game of Scrabble at the library. All experience levels are welcome, from seasoned word lovers to first-time players. The boards and tiles are provided, just bring your love of words and get ready to strategize and score.

MAH JONGG

Tuesdays • 1–3pm • [D]

Meet other enthusiasts and play the Chinese tile-based game of Mah Jongg. Beginners welcome.

TECH



NAVIGATING BIBLIOCORE: MEET YOUR NEW LIBRARY CATALOG

Tue, Jun 16
6:30-7:30pm • [C]

Curious about our new catalog? This session will walk you through everything you need to know to find your next great read. We'll cover the basics of searching, managing your account, and using the new interactive features that BiblioCore offers. Bring your questions and let's explore the new system together!

USING YOUR SMARTPHONE FOR PLANT IDENTIFICATION

Thu, Jun 18 • 6-7:30pm • [R]

Identify and learn more about plants, trees, and flowers using your smartphone camera. We'll be discussing, comparing, and testing the PlantNet, PictureThis, and LeafSnap apps. Weather permitting, we'll test the apps on vegetation found in the library's landscaping.

IPHONE & IPAD CLUB

Fri, Jul 24 • 1-2:30pm • [R]

Bring your iPhone and iPad to meet fellow Apple users and learn to do more with your device. ***There will be no iPhone & iPad Club in the month of June!***

CANVA MAKER WORKSHOP: SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS

Thu, Jul 16 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]

Learn how to create eye-catching and informative graphics for social media sites such as Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and more. We'll focus on adding movement and sound to images you may already be using in print communications.

MONDAY MATINEES

JUNE

RENTAL FAMILY (2025)

Mon, Jun 1 • 1-3pm
PG-13, 110 mins • [D]

An out-of-work actor in Tokyo joins a rental-family service, finding unexpected purpose while playing roles in others' lives.

JUDY (2019)

Mon, Jun 8 • 1-3:15pm
PG-13, 118 mins • [D]

In 1960s London, Judy Garland performs sold-out shows while reflecting on her past and navigating a new romance.

WUTHERING HEIGHTS (2026)

Mon, Jun 15 • 1-3:30pm
R, 135 mins • [D]

In 18th-century England, Heathcliff and Catherine's love is doomed by class divisions, leading to tragedy.

THE PENGUIN LESSONS (2024)

Mon, Jun 22 • 1-3pm
PG-13, 113 mins • [D]

During Argentina's 1976 coup, a teacher rescues a penguin that unexpectedly transforms his life and school community.

THE PHILADELPHIA STORY (1940)

Mon, Jun 29 • 1-3pm
TV-G, 112 mins • [D]

A socialite's wedding plans unravel when her ex-husband and a reporter reenter her life, forcing her to reconsider love.

JULY

REGRETTING YOU (2025)

Mon, Jul 6 • 1-3pm
PG-13, 116 mins • [D]

After a tragic accident exposes secrets, a mother and daughter rebuild their relationship while confronting betrayal and loss.

JULIE & JULIA (2007)

Mon, Jul 13 • 1-3:15pm
PG-13, 123 mins • [D]

A blogger cooks through Julia Child's recipes, while flashbacks trace Child's culinary journey in Paris.

FREEDOM WRITERS (2007)

Mon, Jul 20 • 1-3:15pm
PG-13, 123 mins • [D]

A teacher inspires at-risk students to overcome violence and prejudice through writing, transforming their lives and perspectives.

MIDWINTER BREAK (2026)

Mon, Jul 27 • 1-2:30pm
PG-13, 90 mins • [D]

A longtime couple's trip to Amsterdam becomes a reflective journey on love, faith, and commitment.

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SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY

FRI, JUN 12 • 4-6PM

Kick off Summer Reading with family fun including bounce houses, face painting, karaoke, games, free ice cream, and more!

(The Library parking lot will be closed, for the party. Please use the SD74 school parking lot.)